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SUBJECT:US/RP MILITARY-TO-MILITARY DISCUSSIONS (U)

1. SUBJECT DISCUSSIONS RESUMED WITH A TWO HOUR MEETING AT CAMP AGUINALDO THIS MORNING. A NEW U.S. PANEL WORKING PAPER ON SUBIC BAY WATERS WAS PRESENTED AND THE RP WORKING PAPER OF 16 AUGUST ON THE SUBIC WATERSHED WAS CRITIQUED. OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE, GEN ESPINO PROPOSED THAT RESUMED DISCUSSIONS START WHERE WE HAD LEFT OFF AT TIME OF THE RECESS.

2. AT THE START OF THE MEETING, GEN ESPINO PROPOSED THAT WE START THE RENEWED DISCUSSIONS WHERE WE HAD LEFT OFF
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WHEN WE RECESSED ON 16 AUGUST. WE READILY AGREED. WE THEN PRESENTED A NEW U.S. PANEL WORKING PAPER ON SUBIC BAY WATERS. THE PHIL PANEL CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE PAPER, COMPARED IT WITH THEIR WORKING PAPER OF 16 AUGUST, AND DISCUSSED IT AMONG THEMSELVES. WE THEN BRIEFLY DESCRIBED OUR RATIONALE FOR THE PAPER. GENERAL ESPINO THEN HAD TO ABSENT HIMSELF FROM MEETING FOR APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN

MINUTES TO RECEIVE A CALLER. DURING THE ENSUING DISCUSSION WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE PHILIPPINE PANEL IT APPEARED THAT WE WERE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE AND VERY CLOSE TO AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC LANGUAGE. THEY REQUESTED AND WE AGREED TO PRESENT A REVISED U.S. PANEL WORKING PAPER AT THE NEXT MEETING. GEN ESPINO WELCOMED THIS DEVELOPMENT WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE MEETING.

3. WE THEN PROCEEDED TO CRITIQUE THE RP WORKING PAPER OF 16 AUGUST ON THE SUBIC WATERSHED. WE INITIALLY EXPRESSED OUR OVERALL DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THEIR PAPER AND THEN PROCEEDED TO DETAIL IN FAIRLY BLUNT TERMS THOSE PORTIONS OF THE PAPER WHICH WE FOUND UNACCEPTABLE. OUR CRITIQUE WAS RECEIVED QUITE WELL BY THE PHIL PANEL AND, AFTER WE ANSWERED SEVERAL CLARIFYING QUESTIONS, THEY AGREED TO PRESENT A NEW RP WORKING PAPER AT THE NEXT MEETING.

4. AT THE END OF THE MEETING, GEN ESPINO ADVISED THAT HE HAD TOTO TO MINDANAO TOMORROW AND WOULD NOT RETURN UNTIL THE WEEKEND. IT WAS AGREED TO MEET NEXT AT U900 MONDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER AT CAMP AGUINALDO. TOUSSAINT

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